

On the Go *for Commuters*

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This Summer Opt for More Fun, Less Frustration

It happens all the time: You're headed for a fun summer outing, only to spend more time stuck in traffic and trying to find a parking spot than enjoying your day.

Riding bus or rail can help you get where you're going with less hassle—plus you'll save money on gas and parking.

To find bus/rail routing to your favorite summer destination, call 511, or go to go511.com or IE511.org.

Metro and Orange County Transportation Authority offer Destination Guides and maps that show local attractions near transit stops—everything from restaurants to museums to major entertainment centers like Disneyland or LA Live. (You might even get some ideas of things to do!) Visit metro.net and octa.net.



Transit News...

Metro Raises Fares, Adds Free Transfers

Metro will raise its bus and rail fares Sept. 1, with the regular fare going from \$1.50 to \$1.75. The cost of a day pass will increase from \$5 to \$7, the 30-day pas from \$75 to \$100 and the EZ Pass from \$84 to \$110.

However, the new fares will include free transfers for two hours for those using TAP cards. Currently, the fare is only good for a single ride on a bus or train, and every transfer is a new cost.

For details, go to metro.net.



OC Toll Lanes

No Longer Take Cash

Be warned: Orange County toll roads no longer have toll personnel accepting cash. SR 73, 133, 241 and 261 now require a FasTrak or ExpressAccount for toll payment.

If you use the lanes without either of these accounts, you have a one-time, 48-hour window to pay after the fact at thetollroads.com. If you don't pay within 48 hours, you'll receive a ticket in the mail for a \$57.50 penalty plus the cost of the toll.

Penalty fees are being waived until Labor Day provided toll is paid within 30 days.

This does not affect the 91 Express Lanes, which do not have a grace period and continue to recognize FasTrak transponders only.



Summer means baseball, and taking transit to the games can help you keep your eye on the ball and not on traffic. **Dodger Stadium**

Express is free and runs from Union Station to Dodger home games. The **Angels Express** special Metrolink train service offers \$7 round-trip fares to Angels Stadium. The 66ers games are served by sbX and Omnitrans routes 2 & 15; the Quakes by Omnitrans 55 & 81. Plus Metrolink will offer special train service from Oceanside to Union Station for the **Angels-Dodgers Aug. 4 & 5** games.

Catch the **OC Fair Express** any Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the fair starting July 11 for just \$2 each way (plus get a coupon for \$3 off fair admission).

Going to the Ventura County Fair July 30-Aug. 10? **VISTA** can take you there.

Or for something new this summer, try **Omnitrans' sbX express service** to get to your favorite San Bernardino destinations faster—it accepts the same fares as regular Omnitrans service.



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